

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4, as follows:

This application is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/705,007, filed on November 2, 2000. This application further claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/197,518, filed April 18, 2000 and entitled "PRINTING A CODE ON A PRODUCT," which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 7, as follows:

This patent application is related to U.S. patent applications entitled "PRINTING A CODE ON A PRODUCT" (Docket No. LASER1140-1), Serial Number [[_____]] 09/704,653 and "PRINTING A CODE ON A PRODUCT" (Docket No. LASER1140-3), Serial Number [[_____]] 09/705,206, both filed concurrently herewith. Both related patent applications are incorporated by reference herein.